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 Art Unit: 2613  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office

**FROM:** Donald J. Lecher, Esq. Facsimile No.: 703-761-2375

**RE:** Enclosed Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
 U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/620,685  
 Attorney Docket No.: N03404US  
 Our Reference No.: NIS.060

Dear Examiner Le,

Enclosed for filing is an Final Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2007, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place of the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

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In re Patent Application of

**Tajima, Akio**

Serial No.: 10/620,685

Group Art Unit: 2613

Filed: July 17, 2003

Examiner: Le, Thi Q.

For: **AN OPTICAL SIGNAL SWITCHING DEVICE FOR USE IN AN OPTICAL PROTECTION NETWORK**Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**BOX AF****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2007, please consider the Amendment in the above-identified application as follows: